

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Montana

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 91 percent of the households in Montana took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Montana households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Montana took 6.1 million person-trips, an average of 6.2 trips and 4,554 miles per traveler. Visitors to Montana took 7.2 million person-trips, an average of 6.6 trips and 6,048 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Montana has increased 69 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 100 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in Montana take 5.8 car trips per traveler compared with 1.8 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,500 miles) than by car (3,464 miles).
- Travelers from Montana who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 4.6 trips per traveler compared with 7.0 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Montana are Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming. Wyoming, California, and Washington are the most popular origin states for travelers to Montana.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Montana and the United States: 1977 and 1995






	Montana			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	81	91	12.3	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	NA	8.6	NA	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	NA	9.4	NA	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	NA	5.7	NA	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	6.2	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	4,554	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	738	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	3.9	6.6	69.2	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	3,020	6,048	100.3	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	770	917	19.1	709	827	16.6

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



Legend

	Destination of Travel
	More than 20.00
	10.01–20.00
	1.00–10.00
	Less than 1.00

NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

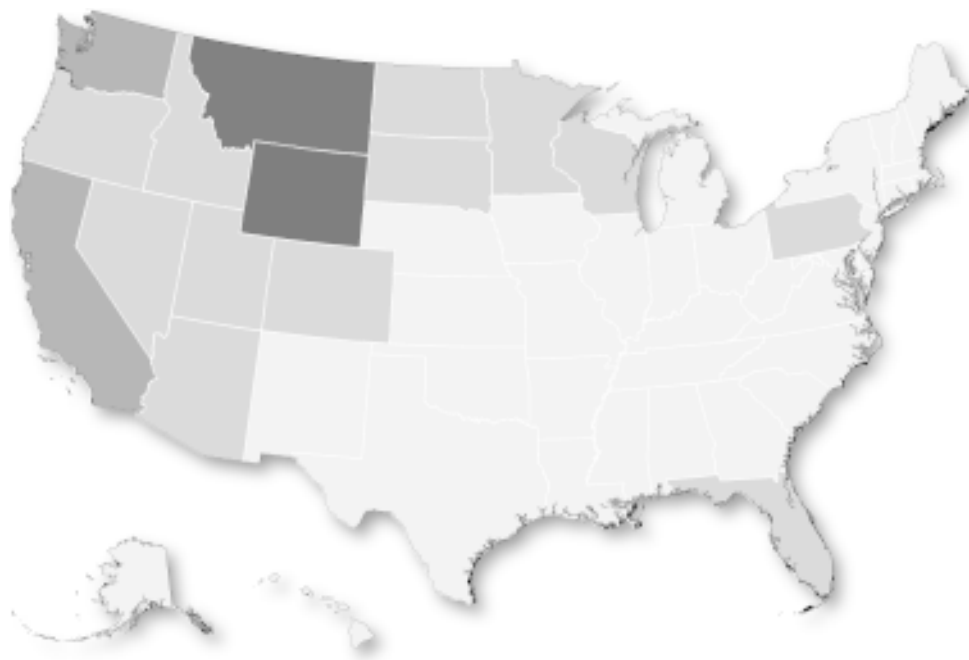
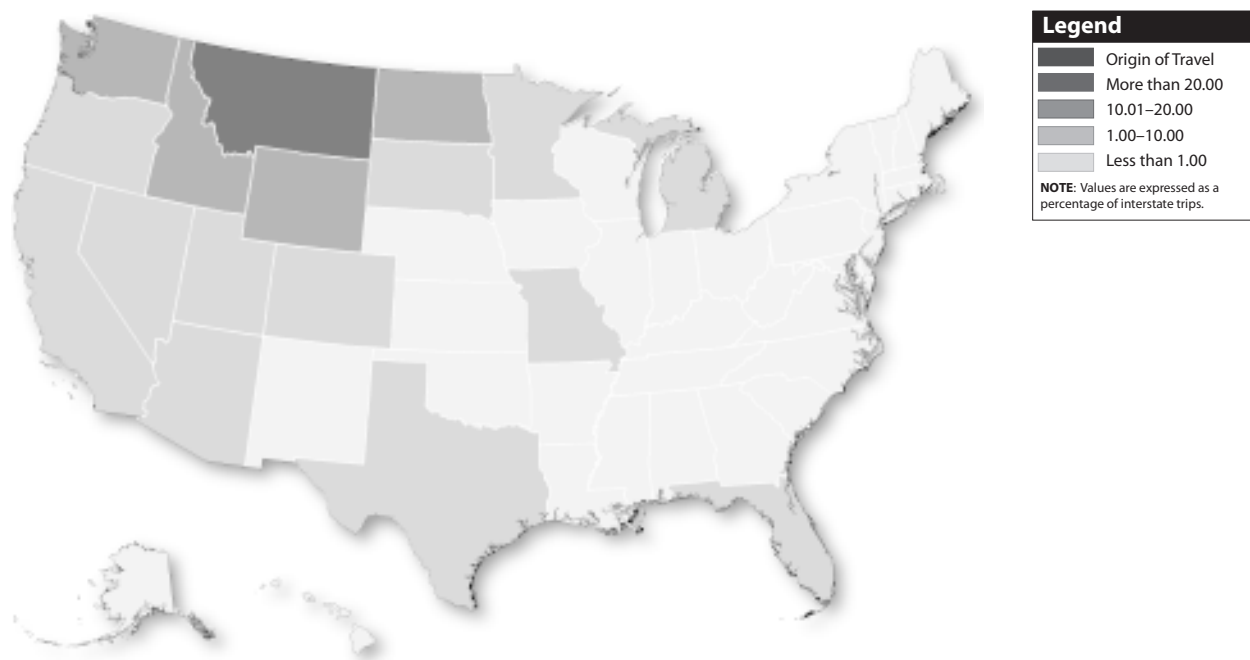


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Montana (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN MONTANA		4,117		
Alabama	10		Missouri	11
Alaska	10		Nebraska	17
Arizona	36		Nevada	33
Arkansas	5		New Hampshire	2
California	533		New Jersey	27
Colorado	105		New Mexico	29
Connecticut	11		New York	—
Delaware	—		North Carolina	13
District of Columbia	4		North Dakota	104
Florida	38		Ohio	7
Georgia	15		Oklahoma	13
Hawaii	2		Oregon	101
Idaho	297		Pennsylvania	42
Illinois	16		Rhode Island	3
Indiana	8		South Carolina	6
Iowa	12		South Dakota	53
Kansas	27		Tennessee	11
Kentucky	8		Texas	15
Louisiana	11		Utah	209
Maine	1		Vermont	2
Maryland	20		Virginia	27
Massachusetts	5		Washington	402
Michigan	15		West Virginia	2
Minnesota	107		Wisconsin	48
Mississippi	1		Wyoming	657

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error. Symbol — represents zero or rounds to zero.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables.

**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Montana (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN MONTANA		4,117	
Alabama	1	Missouri	25
Alaska	9	Nebraska	12
Arizona	62	Nevada	59
Arkansas	1	New Hampshire	1
California	89	New Jersey	3
Colorado	87	New Mexico	17
Connecticut	2	New York	13
Delaware	—	North Carolina	4
District of Columbia	5	North Dakota	186
Florida	22	Ohio	8
Georgia	5	Oklahoma	5
Hawaii	11	Oregon	77
Idaho	246	Pennsylvania	4
Illinois	9	Rhode Island	—
Indiana	5	South Carolina	2
Iowa	12	South Dakota	47
Kansas	11	Tennessee	5
Kentucky	4	Texas	34
Louisiana	7	Utah	66
Maine	2	Vermont	—
Maryland	2	Virginia	6
Massachusetts	7	Washington	365
Michigan	26	West Virginia	4
Minnesota	56	Wisconsin	9
Mississippi	1	Wyoming	214

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for Montana: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	6,130	989	6.2	4,539	4,554	738
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	5,508	948	5.8	3,285	3,464	596
Commercial air	437	242	1.8	1,088	4,500	2,489
Intercity bus	8	5	1.6	17	3,261	2,038
Train	21	19	1.1	35	1,889	1,707
Other	156	78	2.0	114	1,464	730
Main purpose						
Business	1,539	389	3.0	1,154	2,964	750
Visit friends or relatives	1,652	651	2.5	1,403	2,155	849
Leisure	1,730	584	2.0	1,131	1,938	654
Other	1,209	438	2.8	851	1,940	703
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,232	267	4.6	896	3,360	727
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,499	558	6.3	2,581	4,622	738
\$50,000 or greater	1,399	200	6.0	1,061	5,295	759
Age						
Less than 24	1,417	320	4.4	1,041	3,252	735
25 to 64	4,109	573	7.2	3,037	5,304	739
65 and over	603	106	5.7	461	4,331	763
Gender						
Male	3,437	510	6.7	2,492	4,882	725
Female	2,692	479	5.6	2,046	4,268	760
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	7,249	1,098	6.6	6,644	6,048	917
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	6,303	800	7.9	4,542	5,679	721
Commercial air	781	248	3.1	1,935	7,792	2,480
Intercity bus	14	5	3.1	25	5,494	1,766
Train	38	17	2.2	44	2,551	1,161
Other	113	28	3.0	66	2,329	583
Main purpose						
Business	1,622	236	6.9	1,188	5,029	732
Visit friends or relatives	1,708	374	4.6	1,720	4,595	1,007
Leisure	2,712	558	4.9	2,991	5,364	1,103
Other	1,207	242	4.0	714	2,950	592
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,428	196	7.3	1,164	5,947	816
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,453	420	8.2	2,307	5,492	668
\$50,000 or greater	2,368	355	6.7	3,142	8,853	1,327
Age						
Less than 24	1,607	273	5.9	1,320	4,841	821
25 to 64	4,947	587	8.4	4,616	7,867	933
65 and over	694	86	8.1	677	7,862	975
Gender						
Male	4,100	492	8.3	3,729	7,576	909
Female	3,149	450	6.0	2,884	6,406	916

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